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AT COPERNICAN SYMPOSIUM " NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC
DISCOVERY."

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1. ALL INVITEES LISTED REFTEL CONTACTED BY PHONE. SMI
WRITTEN INVITATIONS ARRIVED APRIL 2, DELIVERED APRIL 3.
NO OFFICIAL RESPONSES AS YET, BUT FOLLOWING INFORMAL REPLIES:
2. WILHELMINA IWANOWSKA NOW IN US ATTENDING CONFERENCES AT
MICHIGAN AND OHIO. RETURNS TO POLAND ABOUT APRIL 15, BUT
STAFF INDICATES SHE IS COMMITTED TO ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE
IN PRAGUE DURING DATES SMITHSONIAN SYMPOSIUM. PER PARAGRAPH 8,
BELOW, THEY SUGGEST SUBSTITUTE. WE STRONGLY CONCUR THIS SUBSTI-
TUTION AND SUGGEST SMI ATTEMPT CONTACT DR. IWANOWSKA IN US.
3. JERZY BUKOWSKI HAS BEEN REPLACED AS POLISH ACADEMY
OF SCIENCE (PAN) COMMITTEE FOR HISTROY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN BY PROF. DR. BOGUSLAW LESNODORSKI. IN
VIEW PROF. BUKOWSKI' S INVOLVEMENT IN COPERNICAN PLANNING,
WE HAVE FORWARDED INVITATION TO HIM BUT RECOMMEND PROF.
LESNODORSKI ALSO BE INVITED, IF POSSIBLE. ADVISE.
4. KAROL ESTREICHER CURRENTLY IN PARIS BUTRETURNS TO US
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APRIL 7 OR 8, EXPECTED REMAIN THERE UNTIL JULY. MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION, NEW YORK.

5. ALL- POLISH COMMITTEE OF FRONT FOR NATIONAL UNITY (GROSZKOWSKI' S ORGANIZATION) INFORMS US THAT MARIAN DOBROW- OLOSKI MAY BE INCLUDED AS MEMBER OF THE " OFFICIAL DELEGATION" ACCOMPANYING PROF. GROSZKOWSKI.

6. THOUGH WE ASSUME SMI WOULD PREFER AVOID RECEIVING " OFFICIAL DELEGATION" EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT INCLUDE ONLY PROF. AND MRS. GROSZKOWSKI PLUS DOBROWOLSKI AND COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR ZIEMNIAK, THIS WOULD BE ALMOST UNAVOIDABLE IF POLES WISH TO AFFIX SUCH A LABEL. PRACTICAL EFFECTS PROBABLY WOULD BE TWO FOLD: (A) DOBROWOLSKI WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN SOME EVENTS WITH GROSZKOWSKI IN WHICH OTHER INVITEES MIGHT NOT; AND (B) POLES WOULD PROBABLY WISH PAY FOR DOBROLSKI' S TICKET. FYI, SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED HERE THAT ENTIRE SMI INVITATION LIST FORWARDED REFTEL WAS TO FIRM " OFFICIAL DELEGATION," AND WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO EXPLAIN THAT THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS ONLY, NOT AS GROUP AND NOT CONNECTED WITH GROSZKOWSKI TRAVEL. SINCE POLISH SENSITIVITY HAS CAUSED DIFFICULTIES IN PAST WITH REGARD TO US ATTEMPTS TO ADD OTHER AT US COST TO SUCH OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS, SUGGEST SMI MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS WITH WOJNICKI OR OTHER POLISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL TO REEMPHASIZE THAT THESE ELEVEN ARE INDIVIDUAL, PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO APPROPRIATE POLISH SCIENTISTS AND OTHERS, AND THAT NO OFFICIAL DELEGATION IS COMTEMPLATED. END FYI.

7. ALMOST ALL OF THE ELEVEN CONTACTED ALSO REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY INFORM PROF. DR. WITOLD NOWACKI, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF PAN COMMITTEE FOR CELEBRATION OF THE COPERNICUS ANNIVERSARY. SEVERAL HAVE INDICATED, IN RESPONSE SCIATT QUERY, THEIR FEELING THAT INVITATION FRO PROF. NOACKI HIMSELF WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTED. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SUCH INVITATION ALSO BE CONVEYED NOWACKI. ADVISE.

8. AS SUBSTITUTE FOR DR. IWANOWSKA, EMBASSY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE POLISH ASTRONOMERS HERE AND IN TORUN RECOMMEND ASST. PROF. DR. ANDRZEJ WOSZCZYK. HE IS ONE OF IWANOWSKIA' S PRINCIPAL ASSIS- TANTS, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION (IAU) EVENTS IN TORUN THIS SEPTEMBER, AND CLOSELY IN- VOLVED IN PLANNING FOR THE " COLLOQUIA COPERNICANA" WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY. ADVISE.

9. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, SMI SHOULD BE AWARE THAT

AS YET NO ESTABLISHED MECHANISM EXISTS FOR CONVERSION OF SMI PL-480 ZLOTIES TO DOLLARS FOR PAYMENT OF PER DIEM. SCIATT HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH WITH ACADEMY OFFICIALS AND OTHER TO INSURE NO EMBARRASSING HITCHES OCCUR AT LAST MINUTE, BUT AS OF NOW CANNOT GUARANTEE ABILITY OBTAIN DOLLAR PER DIEM FOR THIS TRAVEL FROM SMI PL-480 SOURCES. THOUGH WE HAVE EVERY HOPE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION ARRANGEMENTS IN TIME ALLOW SUCH CONVERSION, SUGGEST SMI AS FALLBACK ALSO BEGIN INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE DOLLAR PER DIEM SOURCES.

10. IN VIEW FORMALITIES REQUIRING ACCOMPLISHMENT HERE, WILL NEED RESPONSE SOONEST REGARDING LESNODORSKI, NOWACKI AND WOSZCZYK INVITATIONS.

11. REGARDING WRITTEN INVITATIONS DELIVERED TODAY, WE DID NOT RECEIVE ENVELOPES FOR IWANOWSKI, ESTREICHER OR CZARTORYSKI. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE FORWARDED WRITTEN INVITATION RECEIVED FOR DR. ANDRZEJ SICINSKI, DIRECTOR, GROUP FOR SOCIAL PROGNOSSES, PAN INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY. EMBASSY ALSO SOMEWHAT PUZZLED THAT NONE OF NAMES MENTIONED LAST OCTOBER (STATE 184524) APPEARS ON LIST GIVEN IN REFTEL, SINCE SOME OF THESE WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE PARTICIPANTS, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW.
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